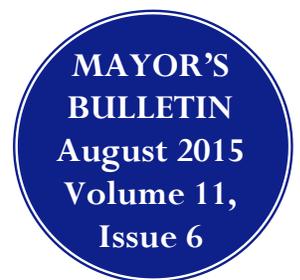




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MARIEMONT RATED #1 IN OHIO

Founded in 2002 by Carnegie Mellon University students, Niche Local has grown into one of the largest community information websites in the country. Their mission is to provide students, families, and professionals with best-in-class content and deep insight into big life decisions. Every year they help millions of people find their niche and thrive within it and this year they rated the Village of Mariemont as the "Best Suburb in Ohio"! The rating was based on safety, schools, access to activities, jobs, housing, and transportation, and it indicates that our community offers a high quality of life to its residents. While we are all aware of all the wonderful things Mariemont has to offer, it is truly an honor to receive this recognition from such a prestigious organization.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS WERE THE BEST EVER!

Almost everyone who has commented on the 4th of July fireworks has said they were the best display we have had since the event began several years ago. The special American Flag fireworks were the perfect finale to the great display. Of course, as always, the fireworks would not have been possible without the generosity of our local organizations and our residents. Again this year, not one penny of tax dollars were used to fund the fireworks. It was all covered by donations, including those from:

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| Cliff & Mary Jane Clemons | Bill & Amy Kapcar | Bob & Jean Naugle | Cathy & Andrew Seeger |
| Arlene Demaret | Mariemont Civic Association | Dan & Barbara Policastro | Frances Turner |
| Richard Gegner | Mariemont Garden Club | Anna & Mark O'Donnell | Steve & Ruth Varner |
| David & Tracey Haynes | Mariemont Town Crier | R.E. Kramig & Co. | Jerry & Suzy Vianello |
| Don & Beverly Hild | Amy & Eric Marsland | (Andy Kulesza) | Greg & Lila Wells |
| Marilyn Illig | Darla & Bill Michael | Ray & Pat Sabo | Dave & Dina Wilder |
| Claire Kaeser | Lori & Jeffrey Miller | Mary Ann Schwartz | |

A special thank you goes out to five-year-old *George Marsland* who collected over \$60 in donations during the fireworks. Good job, George!



BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST WINNERS

The 2015 Townhouse Garden Beautification contest had 20 participants this year and they did an OUTSTANDING job! It is amazing how much work these dedicated homeowners and tenants put in to landscaping, turning their small yards in to inviting gardens full of color and a wide variety of plants. The Parks Advisory Board judged the contest on June 15th and announced the winners at the June 18th meeting of the Mariemont Civic Association. The first place winners were Matt and Elizabeth Ross. Other winners included Karen Koetzle (2nd Place), Becky Moore (3rd Place), and Casey Drawe (4th Place). Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated!

BOATHOUSE CLEAN UP PROJECT MAKES WAY FOR ICE SKATING AREA

The Community Planning Committee, formed by Village resident Dr. Ann Grooms and chaired by Jerry Vianello and Steve Spooner, decided that one of the projects they should take on was cleaning up the area around the Boathouse. One of the ideas presented for that area was a seasonal outdoor ice skating rink. A concrete patio is also being put in, which will create a better environment for the Boy & Girl Scouts and other who regularly use the facility. The Mariemont Boy Scouts jumped in to help with the project and have done a wonderful job. The Scouts include Lucas Wilner, Fletcher Wells, Tony Mershon, Gabe Hartnett, and Daniel Brackett. These young men and the members of the Community Planning Committee deserve a huge "Thank You!" for the hard work they have done.



LEMONADE STAND BRINGS IN DONATION FOR THE VILLAGE

While visiting their grandmother in Mariemont, four lovely young ladies decided to open a lemonade stand to raise money for the Village. They haven't decided which project they would like to contribute their donation to, but whatever it is, we know their donation will help us complete that project. We appreciate their generosity and want to thank Molly Branon, Cate Branon, Ginger Evans, and Adelaide Evans. Good job, girls!

MARIEMONT MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS NAMED

It was a tough season for the Mariemont Men's Softball League. Many of the games were postponed due to weather or rained out completely. Even so, on July 26th, they managed to get in the tournament game and it was an exciting one! The Sox beat the Tramps with a final score of 9 to 8. Congratulations to Sox co-managers Matt McClish and Clem Luken and all members of the Sox team. We also want to thank members of the Terrace Park Men's Softball team for joining us this year. They were a good addition to the league. If you are interested in playing on this 'just for the fun of it' league next year, contact the Mayor at 615-5729.



USE SIDEWALKS FOR SAFETY



We are very fortunate in Mariemont to be one of the most walkable communities around and, over the past couple of years, we have done a lot to improve our sidewalks and added new ones to make the Village safer. However, we are getting complaints from drivers who say they have often encountered pedestrians using the streets instead of the sidewalks. Often times, people are walking side-by-side, three or four abreast, making it impossible for traffic to get through. If you choose not to use the sidewalks or you are on a street without sidewalks, please be aware of cars trying to get through and move to the side of the road so they can safely pass by.

NO CONTRACTOR SIGNS!

For many years, there has been an ordinance in the Village of Mariemont prohibiting contractors from posting advertisement signs in the yard of homes where they are doing work. They may provide great advertisement for the contractors, but they are unsightly and deter from the beauty of our community. Effective immediately, all building permits being issued will include information to make contractors and homeowners aware of this ordinance. However, if you are having work done that does not require a permit, such as painting or landscaping, you will need to inform the contractor yourself that they are not permitted to put their signs in the yard.



TRIMMING BUSHES FOR SAFETY

We've had several complaints about weeds and bushes growing out into sidewalks, the lanes, and intersections. If you have bushes planted along any of the lanes (especially the narrow lanes in the Historic District) or on the corner of your yard at a street intersection, or along the sidewalk, please be sure to trim them back. It is important that bushes not block the line of sight for cars or impede pedestrians on the sidewalks.

BELL TOWER VANDALISM

With all the good news we have to report, it is a shame that we must also report some bad news. Vandals painted graffiti on the restroom walls of the Bell Tower and made a terrible mess inside. Our Service Department addressed this immediately and were able to remove the graffiti. However, this kind of damage to our property, and especially to landmark buildings like the Bell Tower, must not be allowed to continue. The Village is asking anyone who has any information about the person or persons responsible for this vandalism to contact Police Chief Rick Hines a 271-4089. We are also asking parents to remind their children that all the buildings and parks in Mariemont are part of their home and part of their community and they deserve to be treated with respect.

DON'T FEED THE DEER

The Village is getting numerous complaints about the number of deer coming up from the South 80 and into people's yards. Part of the reason we are seeing so many in our yards is that some residents are putting food out for them. Those feeding the deer may think they are helping these beautiful creatures, but the truth is feeding the deer does them more harm than good and here are some of the reasons we shouldn't feed them:



- They can become dependent on the free food source, lessening their ability to forage for themselves.
- Luring them to one spot can increase the likelihood of spreading disease from one deer to another and increasing the risk that they will get hit by a car, especially when crossing Wooster Pike
- Deer have trouble digesting some of the foods left out for them and these digestive issues can actually lead to their deaths.
- It is also important to remember that deer do carry disease and ticks that can cause Lyme disease to our citizens.
- They are not meant to be backyard pets and the other woodland creatures, such as raccoons, don't know the food is for the deer, so they are also drawn in, getting into trash cans as well. Also food on the ground can bring in rodents.

For those whose landscaping is being devastated by deer or used as their 'salad bar', you can reduce this problem by selecting plants that deer are not as attracted to. They are drawn to hostas, daylilies, and azaleas, as well as yew, arborvitae, tulips and roses. Residents should look for plants with pungent odors and use them around the perimeter to create a 'scent barrier' that will deter the deer. Examples are rosemary, thyme, tarragon, boxwoods, and way myrtles. Let's keep our deer population under control and away from our homes by making sure we DON'T FEED THE DEER!

MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The Mariemont Civic Association has lined up some great speakers for their upcoming meetings. All Civic Association meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from March through November at 7PM in the Village Church of Mariemont on the corner of Oak and Maple. Here is a list of some of the speakers who will be appearing:

- August 20 – Renown Cincinnati artist John Ruthven
- September 17 – Railroad historian George McIlveen will give a presentation on the John Robinson Circus which had its winter quarters in Terrace Park and the railroad cars that were used to transport the animals and equipment. His presentation will include fascinating stories about the circus, the circus animals, and their trainers, as well as a miniature circus display.
- October 15 – Congressman Brad Wenstrup will present an update on news from Washington D.C.

We are also working to schedule a presentation by Michelle Balz of Hamilton Solid Waste District that will provide valuable information about new recycling guidelines. For information about joining the Mariemont Civic Association, please contact President Bob Keyes at 271-7632 or the Mayor's office at 271-3246.

UPCOMING EVENTS

▶ **LET THE MAYOR POUR YOU A DRINK! – THURSDAY – AUGUST 13th**

Mayor Policastro will be the "Celebrity Bartender" at Southerby's Bar in the National Exemplar from 5PM to 9PM on Thursday, August 13th, to raise money for the Mariemont Civic Association which helps to sponsor the fireworks and provides preschool tuition for Mariemont children in need. Half of the money raised will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in memory of our good friend, Rosalie Heckman, who we lost to cancer this year. Come one, come all for a good time and to help both of these great causes!

▶ **BENEFIT FOR THE NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION – SUNDAY – AUGUST 9th**

Mariemont students Abby Mehl and Lydia Eberlein have organized a fund-raising event to be held at Dogwood Park on Sunday, August 9th, from 1PM to 5:30PM with proceeds to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Come enjoy cookies and cupcakes from the Sweeterie, games for the kids, and a fun afternoon with neighbors and friends while supporting this very important cause.

▶ **TASTE OF MARIEMONT**

The Taste of Mariemont, a favorite Village event, will be held at the Concourse on Sunday, August 30th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM. The "Taste" features several area restaurants, games for the kids, and entertainment. The Mariemont Preservation Foundation always does a wonderful job of planning and hosting this special Village tradition that is fun for residents of all ages.

▶ **ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR – SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 13th**

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold their Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair Sunday, September 13th from 11am to 5pm on Wooster Pike. This year's Fair will feature close to 100 exhibitors from across the Tri-State area, including many from our local community. Exhibitors will be showing a wide variety of original art and craft. Because of their unique nature, most items are not available anywhere else. The Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair is Mariemont Kiwanis' largest fundraiser for local scholarships. Along with their annual spring golf outing and holiday nut sale, the fall fair helps raise close to \$15,000 in scholarship money for graduating seniors of the Mariemont School District.

▶ **PORSCHE RALLYE – SATURDAY - OCTOBER 3rd**

Cars will be on display at the Village Square and along nearby streets for the 3rd Annual Ohio Valley Region Porsche Club of American Mariemont Porsche Rallye. All proceeds from the rallye go to charity. Look for more details in future bulletins.

▶ **WARRIOR RUN – SATURDAY - OCTOBER 10th**

The Warrior Run Race for Life is an annual Village event featuring a 5K race and one-mile walk. It will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 5:30 PM this year, with the course starting and finishing at the Bell Tower. The family-oriented fundraiser benefits Cincinnati Children's Medical Center's "Surviving the Teens" program. Enjoy a fun-filled evening that includes the race, great food, fun music, carnival style kid's games and a movie at dark. For information on registration, please visit www.cincywarriorrun.org.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro, Mayor